

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/756,817

Examiner

Mary Hoffman

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/08/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 35-60.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 20070323.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20070323.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brad Pedersen on 3/23/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 35, line 10, delete "to create at least one resected surface" and replace with --to create at least a portion of one resected surface--. In line 12, delete "moving the long axis of the saw blade in a direction" and replace with --moving the saw blade in a direction along the long axis of the saw blade, the direction of the long axis of the saw blade being--.

In claim 39, line 10, delete "to create at least one resected surface" and replace with --to create at least a portion of one resected surface--. In line 12, delete "moving the long axis of the saw blade in a direction" and replace with --moving the saw blade in a direction along the long axis of the saw blade, the direction of the long axis of the saw blade being--.

In claim 40, line 16, delete "to create at least one resected surface" and replace with --to create at least a portion of one resected surface--. In line 18, delete "moving the long axis of the saw blade in a direction" and replace with --moving the saw blade in

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a direction along the long axis of the saw blade, the direction of the long axis of the saw blade being--.

In claim 44, in line 14, insert --along the long axis-- after the phrase "moving the cutting tool".

In claim 55, in line 25, delete "moving the long axis of the saw blade in a direction" and replace with --moving the saw blade in a direction along the long axis of the saw blade, the direction of the long axis of the saw blade being--.

In claim 56, line 23, delete "to create at least one resected surface" and replace with --to create at least a portion of one resected surface--. In line 25, delete "moving the long axis of the saw blade in a direction" and replace with --moving the saw blade in a direction along the long axis of the saw blade, the direction of the long axis of the saw blade being--.

In claim 57, line 24, delete "to create at least one resected surface" and replace with --to create at least a portion of one resected surface--. In line 26, delete "moving the long axis of the saw blade in a direction" and replace with --moving the saw blade in a direction along the long axis of the saw blade, the direction of the long axis of the saw blade being--.

In claim 59, in lines 20-21, after the phrase "moving the cutting tool" insert --along the long axis--.

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant:

The drawing sheets filed 11/18/2004 were not labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. **Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**

In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary Hoffman whose telephone number is 571-272-5566. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo C. Robert can be reached on 571-272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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